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JFK assassination records appeals Harold Weisberg 9/6/79
Records not provided, FBIHQ and field offices
Files not searched
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In attached 62-109060-6821, the 3/13/67 New Orleans to FBIHQ teletype, it is reported that Clay Shaw, accompanied by counsel, appeared at the field office, provided a 14-page statement which the FBI accepted (if it had not in fact solicited it), and that the statement was supported by numerous documents. It is further reported that copies were being prepared for FBIHQ and that the information would be provided in form suitable for distribution. Generally this means in an FD302 or LHM.

Whatever Shaw provided in his own defense, whatever he might have had to say or could prove with regard to the charges against him, is of considerable historical importance.

What the FBI did with this kind of information is also of great importance.

My search for this information includes the New Orleans and Dallas files as provided, all of them, and the HQ Oswald, assassination and Ruby files. It has not been possible to locate any record that can be either the original with its numerous documents or an record that can be regarded as either an FD302 or an LHM.

As can be seen from the appropriate H.O. worksheets, nothing of either description appears at the proper time. (The copy is poor because the original provided to me is virtually illegible, a situation that is not necessary when what is provided is a copy of an original record.)

It appears that the original record, at the very least, is filed in files not searched, as a Garrison or Shaw file, that there is withholding, and I appeal it.

It is also apparent that to the New Orleans office at least the relevance of these records to the request ought be obvious, and it certainly knows where and how it has i ts records filed.